

NORTHWEST CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING \$30 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION BONDING AUTHORITY FOR BUSWAY RAPID TRANSIT IN THE NORTHWEST CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the Northwest Corridor Partnership, the City Councils of Maple Grove, Osseo, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, and the Metropolitan Council have previously adopted resolutions supporting Bus Rapid Transit in the Northwest Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership, City Councils, County Board, and Metropolitan Council also adopted resolutions endorsing state bonding authorization in the amount of \$50 million, sponsored by Senator Ann Rest and Representative Rich Stanek at the 2002 Legislature, and the 2002 Legislature authorized \$20 million in bonding for this project; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2002, the Partnership, following a series of public open house meetings in the Northwest Corridor, and pursuant to the recommendations of the Partnership's Community Advisory Committee, adopted a Resolution endorsing the Bus Rapid Transit median alignment and a plan for commitment of the \$20 million in 2002 bonding authority for the project; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Pawlenty has announced plans for a transportation bonding bill in the 2003 Legislature, and the Bus Rapid Transit Project in the Northwest Corridor continues to require the remaining \$30 million of the original \$50 million request in order to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Bus Rapid Transit Project in the Northwest Corridor is approximately \$130 million, of which \$50 million is requested to come from state sources, and the remaining \$80 million will come from the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, and other local and/or federal sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Corridor Partnership hereby requests that the 2003 Legislature authorize \$30 million in additional funding for the Northwest Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Corridor Partnership hereby invites its member cities and Hennepin County to review and consider endorsing this Resolution.

Dated: February 11, 2003

Attest: